

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS\*

## FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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### Fox Valley Area Unadjusted Unemployment Continues to Decline

The unemployment rate dropped 0.4 of a percentage point in the Fox Valley Workforce Delivery Area during October. The seasonally unadjusted rate was 4.2 percent. The decline in the rate follows a seasonal pattern for the region. The drop in the rate occurred as 500 workers left the labor force and the number of workers employed remained unchanged.

Green Lake County, had the only increase in its rate in the Fox Valley WDA, rising 1.0 of a percentage point to 5.5 percent.

The increase in the Green Lake County's rate follows a large decline in the rate in September. Green Lake also had the highest rate in the region. The Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA had the lowest rate in the WDA at 4.0 percent.

The unemployment rate was 0.1 of a percentage point lower than last October. This shows some nominal improvement in the area's economy. During the last year, the labor force increased by 4,700 workers, while the number of employed has kept pace by increasing 4,600.

Manufacturing continues to lag in the recovery of the area's economy. There has been some indication of job orders from the manufacturing sector picking up during the last several months, but the openings remain limited.. Manufacturing employment

provides a higher percentage of jobs in the region than in the U. S. Nearly 24 percent of the area's jobs are in manufacturing compared to 11.1 percent for the nation.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States	
			(000s)	
<b>October-2003</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	239,700	3,111,600	146,793	
Employment	228,700	2,944,500	138,014	
Unemployment	11,000	167,100	8,779	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.4%	6.0%	
<b>September-2003 Change</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	500	5,100	248	
Employment	1,700	15,500	441	
Unemployment	(1,200)	(10,400)	(194)	
Unemployment rate	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.1%	
<b>October-2002 Change</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	4,700	84,400	1,400	
Employment	5,400	83,500	1,026	
Unemployment	(600)	900	374	
Unemployment rate	-0.4%	-0.1%	0.2%	

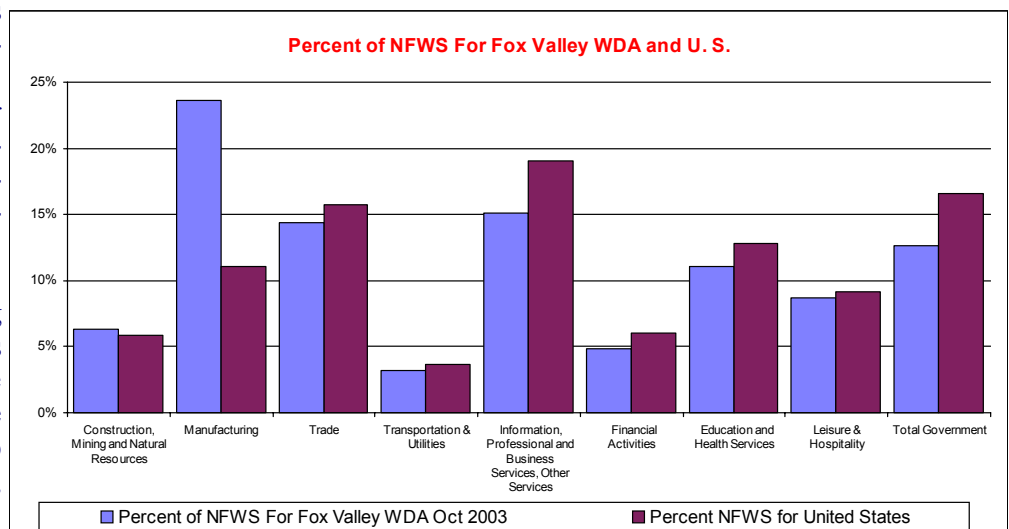
Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA declined 0.5 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent. The rate was 0.4 of a percentage point below last October. Rates for some of the other

MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.6 percent; Sheboygan, 4.6 percent; Milwaukee, 5.8 percent and Madison, 2.8 percent. The nation's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, and Wisconsin's was 5.4 percent.

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October 2003	App/Osh/ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Fox Valley Non MSA's	Wisconsin
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	238,700	59,200	11,000	28,300	12,600	349,800	111,100	3,094,200
Employed	229,100	56,900	10,400	27,100	12,000	335,500	106,400	2,953,400
Unemployed	9,500	2,300	600	1,200	600	14,300	4,700	140,800
Unemployment rate(%)	4.0%	3.9%	5.5%	4.4%	4.8%	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.4%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	208,700	50,000	7,900	22,200	6,300	295,100	86,400	2,811,200
Total Private	184,600	43,700	6,600	18,000	4,800	257,700	73,100	2,393,000
Goods Producing	65,600	13,900	1,900	5,900	1,000	88,300	22,700	637,100
Service Producing	143,100	36,000	6,000	16,300	5,300	206,800	63,700	2,174,100
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,700	3,100	600	1,000	400	18,700	5,000	127,600
Manufacturing	51,900	10,900	1,300	5,000	700	69,700	17,800	509,500
Trade	30,300	7,100	900	3,000	1,000	42,400	12,100	441,700
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	1,400	270	500	400	9,500	2,600	322,700
Financial Activities	11,100	1,900	390	800	200	14,400	3,300	158,400
Education and Health Services	21,500	6,600	1,100	2,700	800	32,700	11,200	372,900
Leisure & Hospitality	16,100	5,000	1,000	2,700	900	25,700	9,600	241,300
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	33,100	7,700	900	2,200	600	44,500	11,400	966,600
Total Government	24,100	6,200	1,300	4,200	1,500	37,400	13,300	418,200
Federal	1,000	600	60	100	100	1,900	900	28,500
State	5,300	4,940	20	900	400	7,200	1,900	101,900
Local	17,800	5,300	1,300	3,200	1,100	28,700	10,900	287,800
<b>Change from one month ago September 2003</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	1,100	-200	100	-300	-100	600	-500	5,400
Employed	1,900	100	0	-100	0	1,900	0	15,600
Unemployed	-1,000	-300	100	-100	0	-1,300	-300	-10,200
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.4%	-0.5%	1.0%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.3%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	2,400	200	-50	-200	-100	2,300	-100	20,200
Total Private	500	-200	-130	-300	-100	-200	-700	-2,000
Goods Producing	-100	-100	-30	0	0	-200	-100	-5,800
Service Producing	2,500	200	-30	-200	-100	2,500	0	26,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	100	0	0	0	0	100	0	-800
Manufacturing	-200	0	-20	0	0	-300	-100	-5,000
Trade	100	0	-30	0	0	0	-100	5,100
Transportation & Utilities	100	0	10	0	0	100	0	4,700
Financial Activities	0	0	10	-10	0	0	0	-200
Education and Health Services	200	100	0	0	0	300	100	5,500
Leisure & Hospitality	100	-100	-100	-220	0	-400	-500	-7,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	100	-100	10	-50	0	0	-100	5,600
Total Government	1,900	400	70	110	100	2,500	600	22,200
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	800	0	0	20	0	800	0	3,600
Local	1,100	400	70	90	100	1,700	600	18,700
<b>Change from one year ago October 2002</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	4,800	2,000	500	1,100	1,100	9,500	4,700	77,900
Employed	5,300	2,100	400	1,100	1,000	9,900	4,600	76,000
Unemployed	-600	0	100	0	0	-300	100	2,000
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.8%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.1%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	-300	800	0	400	400	1,400	1,700	3,500
Total Private	100	700	-100	200	300	1,300	1,200	11,500
Goods Producing	-300	-200	-100	-100	0	-700	-400	-24,700
Service Producing	0	1,100	200	500	400	2,100	2,100	28,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-200	100	0	0	0	-100	100	-6,700
Manufacturing	-100	-300	-200	-100	0	-600	-500	-17,900
Trade	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-100	10,100
Transportation & Utilities	0	-100	0	0	100	0	0	5,800
Financial Activities	-100	100	0	0	0	100	200	4,800
Education and Health Services	200	0	0	100	0	400	200	12,000
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	400	100	300	100	800	900	3,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	400	600	0	-100	0	800	400	22,500
Total Government	-400	100	100	200	100	100	500	-8,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	-100	0	-1,000
State	-300	0	0	0	0	-200	100	-2,200
Local	-100	100	100	200	100	400	500	-4,800

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are N.O.T. seasonally adjusted.  
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N.F.W.S. data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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